

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Applicant

Serial No. Filed

Entitled

S. B. Cirulli, et al.

09/815,312

Group

Examiner

Firmin Backer

System and Method for Leveraging Procurement Across Companies and Company

Groups PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

To

Commissioner of Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 6 August 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (blacken time period desired):

■ One month □ Two months □ Three months □ Four months □ Five months

The fee for the extension of time is \$ 110.00, and is to be paid as follows:

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: 1 December 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) I hereby certify that the enclosed or attached

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